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SUBJ: KUWAIT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DOINGS AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

REF: KUWAIT 0352

1. WITHIN PAST TWO DAYS KUWAIT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS
DISCUSSED BUT REJECTED PROPOSITION THAT KUWAIT MIGHT ADHERE
TO TOKYO AND THE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL AIR AGREEMENTS RELATING
TO HIJACKING. MOST VOCAL OPPOSITION TO ADHERENCE CAME FROM
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ARAB NATIONALIST DEPUTIES WHO CONSIDERED THAT AGREEMENTS

DIRECTED AT PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION. FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SABAH AL-AHMAD MADE FORMAL COUNTERSTATEMENT URGING ASSEMBLY APPROVAL. ISSUE IS FAR FROM DEAD AND GOVERNMENT DEPUTIES APPARENTLY WILL AGAIN PLACE IT ON AGENDA FOR RESTUDY.

2. ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF SEVERAL DAYS AGO, WHICH INCLUDED CALL TO DEPORT PHALANGISTS, WAS REVIEWED YESTERDAY BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE APPARENTLY AGREED TO HAVE INTERIOR MINISTRY DRAW UP A LIST OF SUCH UNDESIRABLES. IN EMBOFF DISCUSSION WITH INTERIOR MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY TODAY, HOWEVER, HE DISCOUNTED COMPLETELY POSSIBILITY THAT RESOLUTION OR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS STATEMENT WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS. HE OPINED, IN FACT, THAT THERE WOULD BE NONE AND THAT STORM WOULD SOON DIE DOWN.

3. OTHER POINTS CONTAINED IN LEBANON RESOLUTION PASSED RECENTLY BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (REFTEL) WERE ALSO DEBATED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST NOW IN PROCEEDING WITH CALL FOR ARAB SUMMIT, AND GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SENT SOME MEDICAL AND FOOD AID, WHICH IT WILL APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO DO, TO LEBANON. COUNCIL IS HAVING APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES REVIEW STATUS AND AMOUNT OF KUWAITI INVESTMENTS IN LEBANON, BUT THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT BE READ AS NECESSARILY PRESAGING FURTHER KUWAITI WITHDRAWALS.

4. ONLY OTHER ITEM OF SIGNIFICANCE FROM COUNCIL MEETING WAS FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER OF STATE THAT KUWAIT REGARDS UN RESOLUTION 242 AS BEING NOW OUTDATED AND WARRANTING MODIFICATION.

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